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GAME

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AMENDMENT / REPLY TO NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 12, 2007, and is timely filed with a 2-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 31-97 are pending in the present application. Claims 31, 60, and 61 have been amended. No claims have been canceled.

Claim 60 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 31-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Monte Carlo in view of Kelly *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 5,882,258), and further in view of Same Game. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claims and the cited references are such that the claims are patentably distinct over the cited references.